

FEE OFFICERS ARE QUICK TO RESPOND

Ninety Per Cent Have Filed Accounts Required by West Resolution.

ALVAH H. MARTIN REPORTS

James V. Trehy, of Norfolk, Still Among Those Not Listed.

With the final mails last night more than 90 per cent of the fee officers in the State, clerks, sheriffs and sergeants, have rendered the account of their receipts and expenditures required by the West resolution of 1912. The missing figures are expected to reach Senate Clerk Hanger during the next few days.

The statements received by Mr. Hanger yesterday follow:

Philip V. Coghill, clerk of Chesterfield County: receipts, \$2,398.42; expenses, \$2,899; net proceeds, \$2,508.42. T. S. Davidson, sheriff of Wythe County: receipts, \$1,113.59; expenses, \$1,610.50; net, \$919.09.

W. W. Wofford, clerk Orange County: receipts, \$2,457.01; expenses, \$1,254.85; net, \$1,202.16.

L. F. Latture, clerk Bath County: receipts, \$1,085.50; expenses, \$200; net, \$885.50.

A. D. Robbins, sheriff Lee County: receipts, \$1,090.25; expenses, \$1,090.25; net, \$0.

George B. Field, sheriff Gloucester County: receipts, \$600; expenses, \$300; net, \$300.

W. Harvey, sheriff Westmoreland County: receipts, \$259.52; expenses, \$108.42; net, \$151.10.

Alvah H. Martin, clerk of Norfolk County: receipts, \$1,348.40; expenses, \$1,348.40; net, \$0.

H. P. Hutchens, clerk of Mecklenburg County: receipts, \$4,531.35; net, \$4,531.35.

W. E. Hunter, clerk of King George County: receipts, \$1,093.25; expenses, \$1,093.25; net, \$0.

M. B. Winder, clerk of Shenandoah County: receipts, \$2,335.59; expenses, \$2,335.59; net, \$0.

A. M. Orkin, clerk of Dinwiddie County: receipts, \$2,335.59; expenses, \$2,335.59; net, \$0.

H. B. Rains, clerk of Richmond County: receipts, \$1,093.25; expenses, \$1,093.25; net, \$0.

Ebenezer Thompson, clerk of Portsmouth City: receipts, \$2,335.59; expenses, \$2,335.59; net, \$0.

Thomas D. Davis, clerk of counties of Lynchburg: receipts, \$2,335.59; expenses, \$2,335.59; net, \$0.

H. E. McKee, clerk of Circuit Court of Chesterfield County: receipts, \$1,093.25; expenses, \$1,093.25; net, \$0.

Newton Argenbriht, clerk of Corporation Court of Staunton: receipts, \$1,093.25; expenses, \$1,093.25; net, \$0.

James A. Tilton, clerk of Powhatan County: receipts, \$1,093.25; expenses, \$1,093.25; net, \$0.

R. H. Drummond, sheriff of Amherst County: receipts, \$729.20; expenses, \$729.20; net, \$0.

A. A. Haugh, sheriff of Powhatan County: receipts, \$544.50; expenses, \$544.50; net, \$0.

Charles A. Barker, sheriff of Prince William County: receipts, \$380; net, \$380.

W. B. Beale, sheriff of Mecklenburg County: receipts, \$2,041.25; expenses, \$2,041.25; net, \$0.

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H. A. Hoffman, sheriff of Grayson County: receipts, \$750; expenses, \$750; net, \$0.

G. H. Levi, sheriff of Clark County: receipts, \$722.25; expenses, \$722.25; net, \$0.

P. L. Huddleston, sheriff of Bedford County: receipts, \$1,041; expenses, \$1,041; net, \$0.

A. P. Hamman, sheriff of Floyd County: receipts, \$750.45; expenses, \$750.45; net, \$0.

Joe Graham, sheriff of Pulaski County: receipts, \$2,438.53; expenses, \$1,362.35; net, \$1,076.18.

R. E. McNeal, sergeant of Radford City: receipts, \$1,100; expenses, \$1,100; net, \$0.

C. J. Tyres, sergeant of Lynchburg: receipts, \$4,958.00; expenses, \$3,228.52; net, \$1,729.48.

R. D. Glover, sergeant of Portsmouth City: receipts, \$10,451.49; expenses, \$5,329.50; net, \$5,121.99.

Charters Issued.

Charters were issued by the State Corporation Commission yesterday as follows:

Vaughan-Whitcomb Company (Inc.), Richmond. Capital: Maximum, \$2,000; minimum, \$1,000. H. M. Vaughan, president, H. V. Whitcomb, secretary—both of Richmond.

Irving Ice Cream Company (Inc.), Norfolk. Capital: Maximum, \$2,000; minimum, \$1,000. Henry C. Irving, president; Sarah M. Irving, secretary—both of Norfolk.

Round Hill Orchards (Inc.), Winchester. Capital: Maximum, \$2,000; minimum, \$1,000. J. J. McIntyre, secretary, New York.

Warrenton Supply Company (Inc.), Warrenton. Capital: Maximum, \$2,000; minimum, \$1,000. O. B. Calahan, president, Warrenton; L. W. Trenis, secretary, Warrenton.

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BAPTIST WOMEN TO HOLD CELEBRATION

Will Observe Anniversary of Organization of Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary.

Plans for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention on January 27 are being made by the Baptist Women's Missionary Societies of Richmond and vicinity. The jubilee will be observed throughout the South on the same date. It is of peculiar interest locally, since the union was founded in this city. Mrs. Theodore Whitfield, of the Richmond Chapter, is president of the Richmond Chapter.

James M. Whitfield, president of the Richmond Chapter, presided over the organization meeting.

The union is engaged in forwarding missionary work at home and abroad.

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McGABE OPPOSES FIGHT FOR WILL

Says Contest May Alarm Dealers and Prevent Acquisition of Other Papers.

CARLIN FOR PROMPT ACTION

State Librarian McIlwaine Cites Decision of New York Courts.

Widely divergent views are expressed on the advisability of taking legal steps to force the return to Fairfax County of the will of Martha Washington, now in the collection of J. P. Morgan, in New York. Colonel W. Gordon McCabe, in a statement to The Times-Dispatch yesterday, took the ground that court proceedings in such cases would have the effect of alarming dealers, and would make it more difficult to purchase for Southern collections such papers as may hereafter be in the market. Congressman Carlin, in an interview in Washington, takes the ground that Mr. Morgan will render himself liable to indictment if he persists in keeping in his possession property known to have been stolen, notwithstanding the fact that the late J. Pierpont Morgan purchased in good faith.

Fighting for Lossing Collections.

The movement to obtain the return of the Washington will recalls the fight now being waged by State Librarian Henry R. McIlwaine to secure the highly valuable manuscripts in the Lossing collection which are said by authorities to have been stolen from the Virginia archives during the looting of Richmond in 1865. The eighty-eight volumes in the collection include letters from Washington, Jefferson, Madison and the early Presidents, as well as state documents signed by Queen Anne and King George.

The Lossing collection of manuscripts was offered for sale more than a year ago by New York firm A. W. McIlwaine's hands, and he at once recognized many listed documents as property stolen from the State Library at the time of the surrender of the Confederate capital. He communicated with the firm, had the sale held up and instituted proceedings for the recovery of the manuscripts. Dr. McIlwaine said last night that at present the matter is in doubt, as the Lossing heirs are seeking a compromise, while the State of Virginia demands the return of the entire collection.

Decision Supporting Contention.

Supporting the contention of the State is a recent decision by the New York state court in this instance a letter from George Washington to the city of New York was stolen and eventually fell into the hands of a collector. The City Attorney sued for recovery of the letter on the ground that it was not a private document, but a public record by any process or statute. The city won the suit. In the same manner, the Lossing papers are held to be public documents of Virginia.

Strong opposition to proposed court procedure to recover the will of Martha Washington, stolen during the war, made public by the State Librarian, is being voiced yesterday by Colonel McCabe, president of the Virginia Historical Society. Colonel McCabe fears that if such steps are taken by the State to recover the will, hereafter in valuable manuscripts may be hereafter offered for sale to the Virginia State Library, or to the Virginia State Library, and will dispose of them at private sale to northern collectors. The will, he says, is of great importance, and its recovery would be a great triumph for the State. He doubts whether any litigation would accomplish its recovery.

Colonel McCabe's letter follows:

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch.

Sir—I see in your columns this morning "that State Senator R. E. Thornton" announced to-day that, acting at the request of the Daughters of the American Revolution, he would ask the Virginia Legislature to authorize the Attorney-General of the State to try to recover the will of Martha Washington, now in the private collection of J. P. Morgan, at New York. Having heard that Senator Thornton is a man of

sense, I am not at all surprised that he proposes to offer such a resolution, not of his own motion, but at the request of the patriotic Daughters of the American Revolution.

There is no more chance of the recovery of this will than there would be of the recovery of the Ten Commandments, could the original tablets be located.

The will is of no great moment—it was stolen in time of war by some unknown Yankee "looter"—it was sold to some New York "dealer"—it was bought by Mr. Morgan in good faith. The Statutes of Limitations would bar its recovery; it is displayed in Mr. Morgan's magnificent library, where 100,000 people can read it, where one person would see it at Fairfax Court-house; the property conveyed under it has years and years ago divided.

Of course, it was disgraceful in the Yankee thief to steal it, and, of course, there is a sort of sentimental regret that it does not repose in its rightful security at Fairfax Court-house.

But practically all that can come out of the agitation as to its recovery will be some carefully-prepared "improvements" at the next meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution ("followed by great and prolonged applause"), and the far more important fact that dealers will never again notify us here in Virginia of some "valuable" Virginia documents that we believe to be still in existence, and which we may yet secure by simply paying for them and "asking no questions."

As to whether any such papers stolen by unknown Yankee soldiers (during the war, surely) can ever be recovered, is most doubtful. The courts, so far as I know, have never yet passed on this question. In any case, the litigation would be long and tedious.

Eight or ten years ago, personally? Eight or ten years ago, a thoroughly reputable "dealer" in New York (who had bought the book in good faith), offered me, for no very large sum, the "Court Order Book" of this same Fairfax Court-house. It was full of interesting "minutes of meetings," signed by George Washington (in his own handwriting); George Mason and other "worthies" of the time. I bought the book at once (it contained

on the fly-leaf the name of the Yankee soldier who stole it—his regiment, etc.), and I at once offered it to the Virginia State Library for exactly the sum I had paid for it (in fact, turning over to the Librarian the original bill of the "dealer"). I only suggested that the book should be carefully copied, the copy retained here in the library, and the original sent back to Fairfax Court-house. This was done. It was strongly urged at the time, in regard to that very book, that legal proceedings should be instituted to recover it from the "dealer." I emphatically objected, saying that, if this was done, no "dealer" would ever tell us know hereafter when there came into his hands valuable manuscripts touching Virginia.

In regard to the documents pilfered from the State archives here (after peace had been declared) by the late Benson J. Lossing (or at least so alleged), the cases are too dissimilar to render necessary any discussion.

To those of us who know anything about the sale of manuscripts, legal or literary, provided the "dealer" or purchaser is reputable and buys in good faith, this whole thing is simply grotesque.

A few months ago, in London, Sotheby, the great "dealer" (whose catalogues come to me regularly and are far more interesting than "the best" sold by any American auctioneer), the will of Mary Queen of Scots, did Somerset House (where wills are kept and recorded) or the Public Records Office raise a hullabaloo and institute proceedings? Not a bit of it. When such documents are offered for sale, the British Museum simply goes into the market and purchases them just as any other "collector." Sotheby and Quaritch and others sell every year many important historical documents, and there may be some so unattractive as to consider the pathetic will of the beautiful and unfortunate Mary of far more interest than that of the buxom and lively Mary II.

I wish to repeat as emphatically as possible that any legal proceedings to recover an interesting, yet not vital, document, such as this, will effectively stop all dealers from bringing Virginia papers of any historical manuscript treasures which may now or hereafter come into their possession.

I write all this with the greatest respect for Mr. Thornton (who seems to me to be "acting by request"), and I need not say for the "Daughters," 120,000 of whom will politely ask Mr. Morgan to restore the "stolen" will to the records of Fairfax County. Why the original will was not recorded, we are told, perhaps it was, as I have seen it in the "Daughters," who are devoted with patriotic curiosity to read the will itself, they will find it printed in full in the appendix to Lossing's "Life of George Washington," presumably personally written by her lawyer and simply signed by herself.

I am, sir, Your obedient servant, W. GORDON MCCABE.

Carlin Favors Court Procedure.

Washington, January 7.—"We will try to indict J. P. Morgan for theft of the Martha Washington will from the Fairfax County Court-house," said Congressman Carlin, who was married now that he knows it was stolen.

This ultimatum was directed at the New York financier to-day by Representative Charles L. Carlin, of Virginia. Mr. Carlin said that a statute existed ruling the possession of stolen property tantamount to participation in the crime.

Disputes from New York credit Mr. Morgan with denying possession of the Martha Washington will, which he said he had bought in good faith, and that he had no intention of giving it to the State of Virginia.

"The people of Virginia are aroused," said Commonwealth's Attorney Crandall Mackey, of Alexandria, "and they will recover the will of Martha Washington at all costs. Mr. Morgan will realize this when the Old Dominion starts her legal machinery to work."

Descendants May File Claim.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

St. Louis, Mo., January 7.—Direct descendants of Martha Washington, who today held a reunion and advanced plans for filing a claim to the estate of the first President of the United States, asserted that they have the first proof of the will in the library of J. P. Morgan.

Suit is to be filed by Miss Anita Bourgeois, one of the descendants, who is practicing attorney, and who says that the facts upon which litigation will be based have been known to herself and others for a long time, but could not have been proven without the will. The property involved now is worth millions, but she is not yet ready to give the details.

According to Mrs. Sowles, the ancestral tree with its branches is as follows: John Parke Custis, son of Mrs. Martha Custis (Washington), wedded Eleanor Calvert; their daughter, Mary, was married to John Parke Custis; their son, Major George A. Peter, husband of Eleanor Sauter, of the German nobility; their daughter, Peter married Lydia Ann Grace; their son Madison Peter married Martha L. Mayer, and their daughter is Mrs. Grace Peter Sawyer.

Victim of Blood-Poisoning.

The condition of Raymond A. Vonderlehr, who is suffering from blood-poisoning at the Jefferson-Willis Hospital, has been reported to be somewhat improved. He developed tetanus after he had mashed two of his fingers in a printing press. His condition was not regarded as dangerous.

Cancel State Bonds.

The Board of State Sinking Fund Commissioners have in the last few days purchased and canceled \$25,000 of the century bonds amounting to \$25,000. The price paid, as stated by Chairman Roosevelt Page, was \$25.00 on an average. It will be observed that the bonds have advanced several points in value since misnomer, when the board canceled a large quantity.

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To the Citizens of Richmond:

We have mailed you a booklet setting out the terms of the offer made by the SOUTHERN GAS AND ELECTRIC CORPORATION to lease the City Gas Works.

The matter concerns you deeply, and we hope you will give it the fullest consideration.

Did you get your copy? If not, notify us.

Southern Gas & Electric Corp., Mutual Building.

RECEIVE DONATIONS

Home for Colored Children Needs Funds to Pay Off Obligations of Founders.

Based on money secured on the personal notes of its founders, the Colored Children's Home, 123 Taylor Street, has purchased the building it occupies, and is now engaged in caring for the negro orphans of the city. More than \$900 has been raised, but \$1,000 is still needed for the building. The following contributions have been received